Data Distribution and Filtering

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Team Goals

Immediate

- Determine RTI Filtering Requirements Needed to Support HLA Prototyping
- Support Protofederation/Experiments

Long Term

- Establish Data Distribution/Filtering Requirements for Baseline HLA Definition
- Determine, Via Experimentation, the Best Way to Meet Such Requirements

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Deliberation Process

- Email exchanges, teleconferences, meetings starting early December
- Initial recommendations (tentative) presented to AMG-8
- Key "Summit" meeting 5 January
 - Included representation from Time Management WG & DMSO mgmt (Dahmann)
 - Settled on near-term requirement
 - Agreed to long-term requirement/approach offered by STOW and NSS
 - Then it snowed
- Subsequent reaction has reopened discussion on long-term issues

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Filtering Levels

wnat	When	Where
Static Class/Attribute Type	Prototype	RTI
Single Object/Single Attribute Value	Baseline	Fed/RTI
Single Object/Multiple Attribute Values	Baseline	Fed/RTI
Multiple Objects/Single Attribute Value	Baseline	Fed/RTI
Multiple Objects/Multiple Attribute Values	Up to Fed	Fed

COMBINED FEDERATE/RTI FILTERING

- Large scale simulations need filtering mechanisms that are more powerful than simple attribute value checking in the RTI
- Knowledge available only at the federate level is needed by the RTI to make efficient use of communications resources (e.g. multicasting)
- Three concepts offered:
 - Naval Simulation System Pre-Computation Approach
 - STOW Category-Based Approach
 - Lincoln Labs Filter Space Approach

Recommendations

- AMG Adopt the Static Class/Attribute Filtering as HLA Prototyping Filter Capability
 - Will Support Planned Protofeds/Experiments
 - Will be Included in 0.3 Version of the RTI
 - Can be turned off without processing penalty if not needed
- Modify Next Version of IF Spec (due 15 March) to Reflect Filter Capability
- Continue Development of More Powerful Filtering Capability for use in Specifying HLA Baseline Definition

Next Steps

- Filter Tiger Team will continue to examine concepts. If possible, it will synthesize them into a common approach. If that is not possible, it will recommend one for further development and refinement.
- DMSO/STOW will sponsor experiments with the filtering scheme(s) to evaluate for use in establishing HLA Baseline